**Love and Hate: A Seminar**
Dr. Meir Soloveichik

**Course Requirements:** Final Grade will be determined by three factors. 

**A) Class Participation:** Students are expected to come to class fully prepared to discuss all assigned readings. Every class, one student will have the responsibility of presenting for ten minutes on the reading and thereby leading off the discussion. 

**B) Paper:** A short paper of a comparative nature, utilizing both halakhic and theological sources, is due at the end of the term. 

**C Final:** The test will cover the substance of the entire semester’s lectures.

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Divine Love and Election
Anders Nygren, *Agape and Eros*
Michael Wyschogrod, *The Body of Faith,* “A Chosen Nation”
Robert Adams, *Finite and Infinite Goods*

**Week 3-5: Love of Neighbor**
Maimonides, *Mishne Torah,* Deot Chapter 6; Sefer Hamitzvot Commandment 206
Kierkegaard, *Woks of Love*
Gene Outka, *Agape: An Ethical Analysis*

**Weeks 6-7 Philia: Love of Friend, Community and Nation**
Edward Collins Vacek, *Love, Human and Divine*
C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

**Week 8-9: Justice, Equity, and Anti-Semitism**
William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*
Richard Posner, *Law and Literature*
Rabbi Shlomo Yosef Zevin, “Mishpat Shylock Le-Or Hahalkha.”
R. Ahron Soloveichik, *Parach Mateh Aharon,* *Hilkhot Yesodei Hatorah* Ch. 1 and *Hilkhot Avodat Kochavim* Chapter 10.

**Weeks 10-11: Love and Hate**
R. Shenur Zalman of Liadi, Tania, Chapter 32.
Meir Soloveichik, “The Virtue of Hate.”
Correspondence, *First Things,* “The Virtue of Hate.”

**Weeks 12-13 Evil and Ethics in Times of War**
John Finnis, *Aquinas*
Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*
*Tradition Symposium* on ethics in war.
*Evangelical Outpost* Symposium on Torture